

**INNOVATIVE COURSE RENEWAL REQUEST
DIVERSIFIED CAREER PREPARATION I & II
PLANO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
February 2006**

Evaluation

A. Description of the course and its essential knowledge and skills:

- 1) Has the content of the course or the essential knowledge and skills changed?

The essential knowledge and skills for Diversified Career Preparation I & II have not changed. Our content continues to focus on work-based readiness. This includes:

- employability characteristics and skills of a successful worker
- workplace ethics
- career exploration and planning
- management of multiple family, community, and wage-earner roles

- 2) Have the general goals of the course changed?

No, the general goals of Diversified Career Preparation I & II have not changed.

B. Rationale and justification for the request in terms of student need:

- 1) Did the anticipated number of students enroll in the course?

Yes

- 2) Has the requirement for the special course changed?

The requirement for Diversified Career Preparation I & II has not changed.

- 3) Has there been a change in local needs or changes in benefits from this course?

There has not been a change in local needs or changes in benefits from Diversified Career Preparation I & II.

C. Description of activities, major resources, and materials to be used:

- 1) Were the materials anticipated used or were more materials needed?

The materials anticipated have been used. In addition, we have purchased new textbooks for this course. We currently use two (2) textbooks in Diversified Career Preparation I & II: Succeeding in the World of Work and Marketing Essentials.

- 2) Was the space sufficient for the activities planned?

Yes

- 3) Were the credit requirements for the course adequate?

Yes

4) Was the course implemented as anticipated?

Yes

D. Methods for evaluating student outcomes:

1) Objective information

We use the following methods for evaluating student learning:

- criterion referenced tests
- employer evaluations

2) Subjective information

Diversified Career Preparation I & II allows students who are assigned to our Plano ISD Special Programs Center to continue with their work-based learning class.

E. Qualifications of the teacher:

1) Were the teacher qualifications stated in the application appropriate?

Yes

2) List any changes that are needed

No changes are needed.

F. Amount of credit requested:

DCP I: 1.5 credits per semester, 2 semester course

DCP II: 1.5 credits per semester, 2 semester course

G. School years for which approval is requested:

1) Is there a need to continue this course?

Yes

2) Is there a need to change or extend the school years outlined in the course approval?

Plano ISD is requesting renewal of Diversified Career Preparation I & II for 5 years:
2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11